

Construction.
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Provido.
Removal when abandoned as a railroad bridge.

of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906: *Provided*, That if the bridge authorized by this Act shall at any time be abandoned and no longer used for railroad purposes, the same shall be removed from the river by the Pearl River Valley Lumber Company, or its assigns, at its or their own expense.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, April 11, 1928.

April 11, 1928.
[H. R. 323.]
[Public, No. 263.]

CHAP. 353.—An Act To relieve the Territory of Alaska from the necessity of filing bonds or security in legal proceedings in which such Territory is interested.

Alaska.
Bonds, etc., not required of, in legal proceedings in which interested.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all actions or proceedings in any court in which the Territory of Alaska is a party, or in which it is interested, it shall not be required to furnish any bond or undertaking upon appeal or otherwise in any such action or proceeding.

Approved, April 11, 1928.

April 11, 1928.
[H. R. 343.]
[Public, No. 264.]

CHAP. 354.—An Act To amend section 128, subdivision (b), paragraph 1, of the Judicial Code as amended February 13, 1925, relating to appeals from district courts.

Circuit Courts of Appeals.
Appellate jurisdiction.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 128, subdivision (b), paragraph 1, of the Judicial Code as amended February 13, 1925, be amended to read as follows:

Reviewing interlocutory orders, etc., of district courts extended to Territories, etc.
Vol. 43, p. 936, amended.

"First, To review the interlocutory orders or decrees of the district courts, including the District Courts of Alaska, Hawaii, Virgin Islands, and Canal Zone, which are specified in section 129."

Section of Compiled Laws of Alaska repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 1339 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, is hereby repealed.

Approved, April 11, 1928.

April 11, 1928.
[H. R. 359.]
[Public, No. 265.]

CHAP. 355.—An Act Authorizing the presentation of the iron gates in West Executive Avenue between the grounds of the State, War, and Navy Building and the White House to the Ohio State Archeological and Historical Society for the memorial gateways into the Spiegel Grove State Park.

District of Columbia.
Gates between White House and State, etc., Department Building given to Spiegel Grove State Park, Fremont, Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital is hereby authorized and directed to deliver to the Spiegel Grove State Park, Fremont, Ohio, the iron gates now hanging in West Executive Avenue between the grounds of the State, War, and Navy Building and the White House: *Provided*, That no expense shall be incurred by the United States.

Provido.
No Government expense.

Approved, April 11, 1928.

April 11, 1928.
[H. R. 6993.]
[Public, No. 266.]

CHAP. 356.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to sell and patent certain lands in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Public lands.
Sale authorized, of designated accreted lands in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, in his judgment and discretion, is hereby authorized to sell, in the manner hereinafter provided, any of those lands which he has found or shall hereafter find are public lands of the United

States that have accreted to section 14 of township 5 north, range 4 west, Washington meridian, in the State of Mississippi, and to sections 65, 66, 67, and 68, of township 5 north, range 9 east, Louisiana meridian, in the State of Louisiana, and which are not lawfully appropriated by a qualified settler or entryman or other adverse claimant claiming under the public land laws.

SEC. 2. That the owners of said above described lots or sections shall have a preferred right to file in the office of the register of the United States Land Office of the district in which the lands are situated an application to purchase the public lands thus formed by accretion at any time within ninety days from the filing of plats of such accreted area in the United States Land Office. Every such application must be accompanied with satisfactory proof that the applicant is entitled to such preference right by virtue of the ownership of said above described lots or sections and that the lands which he applies to purchase are not in the legal possession of any adverse claimant.

Preference right of owners of lots to purchase.

Proof of ownership required.

SEC. 3. That upon the filing of any application to purchase any lands subject to the operation of this Act, together with the required proof, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the lands described in said application to be appraised, including the timber thereon and the stumpage value of any timber cut or removed by the applicant or his predecessors in interest. Such appraisalment shall be exclusive of any increased value resulting from the development or improvement of the land for agricultural purposes by the applicant or his predecessors in interest.

Appraisals to be made upon filing application.

Appraisalment exclusive of development, etc., by applicant.

SEC. 4. That an applicant who applies to purchase land under the provisions of this Act, in order to be entitled to receive a patent must, within thirty days from receipt of notice of appraisal by the Secretary of the Interior, pay to the register of the United States Land Office of the district in which the lands are situated the appraised value of the lands, and thereupon patent shall issue to said applicant for such lands as the Secretary of the Interior shall determine that such applicant is entitled to purchase under this Act. The proceeds derived by the Government from the sale of lands hereunder shall be covered into the United States Treasury and applied as provided by law for the disposal of the proceeds from the sale of public lands.

Patent to issue on payment of appraised value.

Disposal of proceeds under land laws.

SEC. 5. If, at the date of the approval of this Act, any of the lots or sections or parts of lots or sections above described are covered by a pending entry on which satisfactory final proof in support thereof has not been submitted, patent based on any application to purchase land subject to the provisions of this Act shall be withheld to await the completion of the pending entry. If, upon completion of the pending entry it shall then be found that applicant has shown due compliance with the law under the said pending unperfected entry and his application to purchase is otherwise satisfactory patent on said application to purchase shall then be issued.

Patent withheld in case of pending unperfected entry on which final proof not submitted.

Patent issued to applicant for purchase on completing entry.

SEC. 6. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to prescribe all necessary rules and regulations for administering the provisions of this Act and determining conflicting claims arising hereunder.

Rules, etc., to be prescribed.

Approved, April 11, 1928.

CHAP. 357.—An Act Amending an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota to submit claims to the Court of Claims."

April 11, 1928.
[H. R. 7463.]
[Public, No. 267.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Chippewa Indians of

Chippewa Indians of Minnesota.